

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
October 24, 2006

Regular Session:

The Board of Public Works and Safety met in regular session on Tuesday, October 24, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. Members present were: Cindy Murray, Gary Henriott and Norm Childress.

Absent were: Tom Shorter.

Jacque Chosnek, 1st Deputy City Attorney, was also present.

President Murray called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

Mr. Henriott moved for approval of the minutes from the October 17, 2006 regular meeting. Mr. Childress seconded. Passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Community Development

Recommendation for Award of CDBG Agreement with Family Services, Inc.

Aimee Jacobsen, Community Development Director, presented to the Board and recommended approval of a Recommendation for Award of CDBG Agreement with Family Services, Inc. in the amount of \$9,685.00 to fund the Family Self-Sufficiency/Life Skills Program. Mr. Childress moved for approval. Mr. Henriott seconded. Passed.

MISCELLANEOUS

Event Closure Request – Linnwood Church of Christ Fall Festival

President Murray presented on behalf of Pam Michael, Linnwood Church of Christ, a request to host the Linnwood Church of Christ Fall Festival on Sunday, October 29, 2006 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. along with a request to close a portion of 16th Street. Mr. Henriott moved for approval. Mr. Childress seconded. Passed.

CLAIMS

Mike Jones, Controller, presented for Board approval, Claims in the amount of \$2,587,119.89. Mr. Henriott moved for approval. Mr. Childress seconded. Passed.

Mayor Roswarski announced that today is "Paint the Town Pink" in the City of Lafayette and Tippecanoe County in recognition of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and at 7:00 p.m. tonight an event will be held at Riehle Plaza to bring awareness to this issue.

Mayor read aloud the following proclamations:

2006 NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, October 2006 is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and
WHEREAS, October 20, 2006 is National Mammography Day; and
WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women, except for skin cancer;
WHEREAS, breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, after lung cancer;
WHEREAS, the chance of developing invasive breast cancer at some time in a woman's life is about 1 in 8;
WHEREAS, almost 212,920 new cases of female breast cancer will be diagnosed in 2006 and over 40,970 will die for the disease; and
WHEREAS, African American women are more likely to die from breast cancer than women of all other races
WHEREAS, almost 1,720 new cases of male breast cancer will be diagnosed in 2006 and close to 460 will die of the disease; and
WHEREAS, death rates from breast cancer have been declining, and this change is believed to be the result of earlier detection and improved treatment; and
WHEREAS, mammography, an "x-ray" of the breast, is recognized as the single most effective method of detecting breast changes that may be cancer long before physical symptoms can be seen or felt;
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Roswarski, Mayor of the City of Lafayette, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2006 as NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH and October 20th as NATIONAL MAMMOGRAPHY DAY in the City of Lafayette.

LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK

WHEREAS, The City of Lafayette supports a healthy and safe environment for children and is dedicated to the protection of the health of all children; and
WHEREAS, lead-contaminated paint, dust and soil, is commonly found in and around older homes, specifically pre- 1978 built homes, and is the primary source of lead exposure of children; and
WHEREAS, there is an increase in the number of consumer products marketed for children found to have unsafe levels of lead; and
WHEREAS, lead poisoning, which is an increased level of lead in the blood, is especially dangerous for children, particularly those under 7 years of age and causes serious health effects that are irreversible; and
WHEREAS, it is important that pre- 1978 housing units and childcare facilities in Indiana are tested and identified for lead hazards, and made lead safe; and
WHEREAS, it is vital that all Hoosiers, especially parents and child caregivers, are aware of the dangers of lead poisoning and seek appropriate screening for their children as a preventative measure;
Now, Therefore, I, Tony Roswarski, Mayor of the City of Lafayette, do hereby proclaim, October 22-28, 2006, as Lead Poisoning Prevention Week in the City of Lafayette, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

Dennis Carson, Director of Development, gave the following department update along with a handout:

Redevelopment Department – Major projects

Economic Development/TIF Districts

- Construction projects with Tax Increment Financing
 - Park East Blvd/Sewer line extensions – McCarty \$547,000 Completion
 - SR 26/Creasy Improvements and Fortune Drive – Creasy Treece \$2.995 mil. Completed – now adding an expanded right turn lane onto SR 26.
 - Greenbush Street – Creasy Treece \$2.5 Mil. Completion
- TIF Consolidation/Expansion/Re-characterization (see map)
 - N. 9th Street/Central TIF Consolidation. Includes an area to be expanded (17th, 18th, Union and Salem) and re-characterization as a Redevelopment TIF.
 - Creasy-Brady/Creasy-Treece consolidation and expansion. This TIF will remain an economic development TIF.
- Streetscape
 - Engineering/feasibility underway for sidewalks on the west side of 3rd street between Main and Columbia and north side of Main Street between 3rd and 4th Streets. Central TIF \$300,000. This will include a public art component.
 - Refurbishing all of the downtown street furniture thanks to Street and Fleet Maintenance Departments.
- SIA Toyota joint Venture
 - SIA/Toyota Tax Abatement amendments (increasing investment) for consideration at this month.
- “Closed” on the Tate & Lyle IRB \$23 million.
- Business and Industry Forums – Continue to engage our local business community in semi-annual forums to address their needs. Topics have included workforce development and capital resources and financing.
- Riverfront Development District – Expanded this area (see map) to further downtown economic development.

Community Task Force to study Hospital Campus Reuse

- Second meeting held October 11.
- GLHS update, and presentations from Wabash Valley Trust for Historic Preservation, Lafayette Neighborhood Housing Services and L-WL Development Corporation.
- Next meeting late Winter/early Spring.

Annexation (see map for area)

- Completed voluntary annexation on areas east of Creasy Lane and west of I65 adding 575 acres to the City.

Lafayette-West Lafayette Development Corporation

Downtown Development Council (Lafayette Urban Enterprise Association/Downtown Business Center)

- Weed and Seed – Coordinator (see map for area)
 - Law enforcement, prosecutors, and courts cooperate in “weeding out” criminal offenders.
 - Nonprofit agencies work together to “seed” the community with crime-preventive and beneficial programs and services.
- LUEA was able to partner and provide funds to Wabash Valley Trust for Neighborhood Development Guidelines (\$11,000); LARA and Mental Health Association for security systems (\$9,700 & \$10,000); Duncan Hall signage (\$5,700).
- Awarded \$10,000 for Centennial Park through a grant from the Alcoa Foundation. Total \$28,000.
- Upcoming events: Holiday Open House (Nov. 10 & 11), Dickens of Christmas (Dec. 2), Christmas Parade (Dec. 3).

Aimee Jacobsen, Community Development Director, gave the Board a handout and read aloud the following department update:

CDBG Projects

Sidewalk and Curb Projects

Since my last report in July, work was completed on the 2005 Phase 1 Project which includes work in Vinton and St. Lawrence McAllister neighborhoods. Currently the only sidewalk project underway is the Fowler Apartment handicap ramp and curb replacement project. That project will be completed by mid-November.

We are currently in the process of selecting sidewalks to be replaced in Vinton, Historic Jefferson, Monon and St. Mary's neighborhoods. We will also be installing several handicap ramps on Underwood Street. Bid packets for those projects will be prepared this winter and we will be bidding in the spring. The engineering department will be re-bidding the Charles Street project in the spring.

HOME Projects

Home Ownership Activities

Area IV has continued progress at the Norfolk Crossing Subdivision. Seven of the lots are being developed by Habitat for Humanity and they have included some more attractive features on their new houses there, such as larger front porches and shutters. Recently a private developer has partnered with Area IV to develop 3 of the other 19 lots available and they have shown interest in acquiring an additional 3 lots. The houses are being marketed by the developer in addition to Area IV.

Wabash Valley Trust is continuing work on two single family homes at this time, one on South 7th Street in Lafayette and one in the Town of Battle Ground. Both are historic homes that were acquired in severe states of disrepair. WVT is rehabbing the homes and they will be available for sale to income eligible families.

Area IV Development has been making progress on a pilot owner occupied rehab program underway to help income eligible homeowners make necessary repairs to their houses. This is a major rehabilitation program that will include at least 8 houses.

Rental Unit Development

Wabash Valley Hospital is making great progress on the Meharry House, a project involving converting office space back to a group home, the original use for the building. The group home will provide housing and 24-hour intensive supportive services for adults with mental disabilities. They have until August of 2007 to complete the project, but their targeted move-in date is in December of this year.

General

Program Year 2006 Contracts

We did not receive our release of funds for Program Year 2006 until mid-September this year so we are now bringing several contracts to BOW for approval as the agencies are responding that they are ready to go with their new programs.

Historic Preservation Officer

Ramona Lawson officially became the new Historic Preservation Officer for Lafayette in August. Ramona is a registered architect and worked in the City's Railroad Relocation office. Before that she also worked in our redevelopment department in the earlier days of the Main Street Façade program and actually designed many of the storefronts that have been restored. Her experience with our office has been very useful with her new position and in fact, some of the very same projects she worked on years ago have come back around to our office since she has started back with us.

Homeless Issues

Our Community Development office has been working with some of the neighborhood associations on local homeless issues along with the City of West Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, the homeless shelters and related social service agencies. Last week the Indiana Coalition on Housing and Homeless Issues submitted a grant application on the County's behalf to the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority which would fund a county-wide feasibility study to be conducted by Indiana Coalition on Housing and Homeless Issues. The feasibility study would determine the need for permanent supportive housing to serve the entrenched homeless in Tippecanoe County. A state-wide study was conducted recently that determined that there is not a need for additional emergency homeless shelter beds. What is actually needed is additional permanent supportive housing – rental housing units provided for persons with mental health and other health issues that also have supportive services in place for the tenants. The results indicated that by far the majority of clients who stay in homeless shelters are there for a very short amount of time before they get back on their feet and back into permanent housing. About 10% of the clients are entrenched homeless, individuals that stay in the shelter night after night and essentially use the shelter as permanent housing. If those entrenched homeless individuals were moved into permanent supportive housing, there would be ample space in the shelters for the clients who only need shelter for short periods of time.

Currently, the Mental Health Association provides 8 permanent supportive housing units. If funded, the feasibility study will provide in depth analysis of our local needs and also provide information regarding where a facility or facilities should be developed and it would also identify sources of funding for the facility. The funding announcements will be made on December 14th.

The full week prior to Thanksgiving is the annual Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. Our Community Development Department is an active member of the Homeless Prevention and Intervention Network of West Central Indiana (HPIN), a network of all of the area homeless shelter providers, social service agencies that serve homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless, funding agencies and other local supporters. As they do each year, the HPIN is coordinating a number of local activities for the week and I will hopefully have fliers advertising those activities next week.

President Murray invited everyone to attend a free chili luncheon on Friday, October 27, 2005 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the City Water Plant to kick-off the United Way program.

President Murray also announced that there is still free firewood and mulch at the City Brush Dump located on Marion Street.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Murray stated the meeting was adjourned.

The time being 9:27 a.m.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
Cindy Murray s/s
President

ATTEST: Deb Puetz s/s
Deb Puetz, 1st Deputy Clerk

Minutes written by Deb Puetz, 1st Deputy Clerk

The Engineering Office issued the following Building Permits for the week ending October 20, 2006:

12927	City of Lafayette	McCarty Ln & Park East Blvd	Traffic signal	\$0.00
12928	Ethan C Metzger	1201 S 14th St	Upgrade from 100amp to 200amp service	\$379.00
12929	Michael & Janet Igo	1924 Schuyler Ave	Finish room addition and porch roof	\$3,000.00
12930	Matt Summers	1717 Stonegate Cir	Move the electric service 3'	\$500.00
12931	Lafayette Pavillions Partners LLC	100 Creasy Ln S	Interior Finish	\$100,000.00
12932	Brad Deardorff	2601 Greenbush St	Identification sign	\$22,000.00
12933	Debra Woods	2307 Manitoba Dr	Change Service	\$800.00
12934	Wexford Development	208 Main St	Shell for retail/condo - to separate	\$0.00
12935	Praveen Gucati	140 Frontage Rd	Hood system installation	\$25,000.00
12936	Lisa Carney	100 Creasy Ln S	Identification sign	\$3,950.00
12937	Tri Star Marketing Inc	3603 Cougill Ln	Replace 6 gasoline dispensers	\$3,000.00
12938	Israel Avila	1012 Sarasota Dr	Move walls to enclose porch	\$2,500.00
12939	Garage Interiors of Lafayette	2108 E 350 S	Sign for Garage Interiors	\$4,000.00
12940	Cameron Tyson	125 S 28th St	Remove old porch & replace, add roof	\$2,000.00
12941	Shelter Insurance	2122 E 350 S	Sign for Shelter Insurance	\$5,600.00
12942	Cora Neal	1402 S 23rd St	Completion of shed BP#11457	\$0.00
12943	Ivan Brumbaugh	1005 Main St	Relocate 3 bay sink, hand sink, add mop	\$1,600.00
12944	Vern VanAllen	330 Elston Rd	Electric rewire	\$900.00
12945	Thomas McDonald	3107 Builder Dr	Event sign for Liquor store	\$25.00
12946	Jamie Waggoner	2540 Oxford St	Upgrade	\$600.00
12947	Second Baptist Church	2925 S 18th St	Event sign for Daycare/church	\$25.00
12948	Javier Gaeta	2318 N 18th St	Upgrade electric 60 to 100 amps	\$1,200.00
12949	Lafayette Church of Brethren	1107 S 18th St	Event sign 10/30-11/06	\$25.00
12950	Edward Rose of Indiana	3174 Eagles Way Dr	Repair fire damage of bldg 17	\$400,000.00
12951	Tate & Lyle	2245 Sagamore Pkwy N	New building	\$750,000.00
12952	Christ Memorial Temple	3801 Union St	Event sign for Christ Memorial Temple	\$25.00